



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR 5810
Democratic Party of Virginia-Federal
Campaign Committee and Abbi G. Easter,
in her official capacity as treasurer

Dear Mr. Reiff:

On December 12, 2006, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement submitted on your clients' behalf in settlement of a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(b), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). Accordingly, the file has been closed in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). Information derived in connection with any conciliation attempt will not become public without the written consent of the respondent and the Commission. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B).

Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files. Please note that the civil penalty is due within 30 days of the conciliation agreement's effective date. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Dominique Dillenseger

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Attorney

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of)
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Democratic Party of Virginia—)
Federal Campaign Committee and)
Abbi G. Easter, in her official capacity as treasurer)

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CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. The Commission found reason to believe that the Democratic Party of Virginia-Federal Campaign Committee and Abbi G. Easter, in her official capacity as treasurer ("Respondents"), violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and Respondents, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over Respondents and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(A)(i).

II. Respondents have had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. Respondents enter voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:

1. The Democratic Party of Virginia-Federal Campaign Committee is a political committee within the meaning of 2 U.S.C. § 431(4), and is a "State Committee" pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 431(15) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.14(a).

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2. Abbi G. Easter is the treasurer of the Democratic Party of Virginia-Federal Campaign Committee.

3. The treasurer of a political committee must file reports of all receipts and disbursements in accordance with the Act. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(1). In a calendar year for which there is no regularly scheduled general election, all political committees, other than authorized committees of a candidate, shall file a Mid-Year Report no later than July 31. Such report shall disclose the total amount of receipts and disbursements covering the period beginning January 1 and ending June 30. 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(a)(4)(A)(iv) and 434(b)(2) and (4).

4. The Committee filed its 2003 Mid-Year Report on July 31, 2003. On May 14, 2004, the Committee amended its 2003 Mid-Year Report, disclosing activity that was omitted from its original 2003 Mid-Year Report. The amended report disclosed additional receipts totaling \$59,672.00 and additional disbursements totaling \$111,043.29.

5. The Committee explained that the omissions occurred because its accountants submitted an incomplete general ledger of contributions and disbursements for the applicable period and that neither the Committee nor its accountants were aware of the omissions when the original report was submitted. The Committee further contends that the erroneous documents received from its outside accountants were due to a serious illness to its longtime outside accountant and a staff transition just before the report was filed. The committee promptly filed an amended report after the Commission issued a Request for Additional Information inquiring about activity that appeared to be misreported or missing from the report. The majority of the undisclosed funds related to transfers to and from the Federal and non-Federal accounts.

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V. Respondents failed to report receipts and disbursements in their 2003 Mid-Year Report in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(b). Respondents will cease and desist from violating 2 U.S.C. § 434(b).

VI. Respondents will pay a civil penalty to the Federal Election Commission in the amount of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$17,500), pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(5)(A).

VII. Respondents will require the Committee treasurer or other person who prepares its disclosure reports to attend a Commission-sponsored training program for party committees within a year of the effective date of this agreement. Respondents shall submit evidence of registration and attendance at such event to the Commission.

VIII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

IX. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

X. Respondents shall have no more than 30 days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirement contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

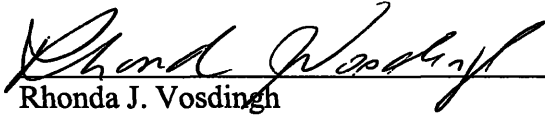
XI. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or

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oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written agreement shall be enforceable.

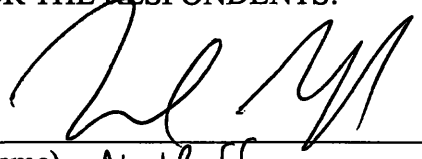
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Date

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